

Louisiana

The options for eligibility for the 2006-07 school year for a student from Louisiana are:

- ***The Louisiana Academic Endorsement to the Standard Diploma***
- ***The State Scholars Initiative requirements.*** This program, currently offered in Louisiana and twenty-one other States and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (including Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry);
 - Three years of lab science (biology, chemistry, physics);
 - Three-and-one-half years of social studies; and
 - Two years of a language other than English.
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- ***Louisiana's TOPS/Regents High School Core Curriculum.*** This program requires:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of Math (including Algebra I and II);
 - Three years of Science (including Biology and Chemistry);
 - Three years of Social Studies, Civics and Free Enterprise;
 - One year of Fine Arts Survey (or performance, dance, theater, visual or student arts courses);
 - Two years of the same foreign language; and
 - One-half year of computer science course work.
- ***Standard Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsements, for those students who have completed the TOPS/Regents High School Core Curriculum.*** This program requires the same coursework as identified in the TOPS/Regents High

School Core Curriculum, in addition to the Standard Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsements:

- Four years of English;
- Three years of Math (including Algebra I and II);
- Three years of Science (including Biology and Chemistry);
- Three years of Social Studies, Civics and Free Enterprise;
- One year of Fine Arts Survey (or performance, dance, theater, visual or student arts courses);
- Two years of the same foreign language; and
- One-half year of computer science course work